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Excise Officers Cite Indianapolis Bar for Prostitution and Drug Related Offenses

Indianapolis, Ind. (March 2nd) – Officers from the Indiana State Excise Police and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department executed a search warrant early Sunday morning at Sabor Bohemio located at 4002 East Washington Street leading to the arrest of five individuals and the premise being cited for prostitution and drug related offenses.

The search warrant was the result of a cooperative undercover investigation that began in October of 2013.

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department's Vice unit arrested four females and booked them into the Marion County Jail on preliminary felony charges that included Dealing Cocaine, Dealing in a Controlled Substance, Prostitution, and Promoting Prostitution. A male subject was also jailed on a preliminary Class D Felony charge of Possession of Cocaine.

Excise officers issued preliminary administrative violations to Sabor Bohemio and its owner, Zeferano Alvarez, 50, of Indianapolis, for Maintaining a Public Nuisance: Drugs, Maintaining a Public Nuisance: Sex Acts, Public Nudity, and Violating the Scope of Their Alcoholic Beverage Permit.

The administrative charges issued to the premise and Mr. Alvarez will be heard in front of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission at a later date.

Indiana State Excise Police Superintendent Matt Strittmatter stated, "The Indiana State Excise Police will continue to collaborate with IMPD to identify alcoholic beverage permit locations that present a public nuisance. Once an establishment is suspected of being a problem location, Excise officers will conduct an investigation and the appropriate administrative enforcement action will be taken on any violations that are discovered."

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.